# *Executive Proclamation*
# *State of South Dakota*
# *Office of the Governor*

***Whereas***, The state of South Dakota is the home of Edna Johnson, and we are richer because Edna lives among us; and,

***Whereas***, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

***Whereas***, Edna was born October 25, 1904, to Mayor and Tilly French, one of twelve siblings; and,

***Whereas,*** Edna married Fred "Ben" Johnson, and to this union two children were born: Ione and Hazel; and,

***Whereas***, Edna resides in Watertown, South Dakota, and will observe her 100th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

***Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds***, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 25, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and her relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

***In Witness Whereof***, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

**Attest:**

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State